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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1(currently amended). A vehicle tie down rail conjoinment structure comprised of:

[[A]] a first connector having a mounting surface at one extremity and an oblique slip-thrust surface formed at the opposite extremity[.];

[[A]] a second connector having a mounting surface at one extremity and an oblique ~~slip-thrust~~ slip-thrust surface formed at the opposite extremity[.];

~~Given the said structure,~~ a threaded fastening component [[is]] utilized to conjoin [[the]] said first connector and [[the]] said second connector into a single physical entity, wherein [[the]] said first connector is inserted into the inner diameter at the end section of a curved anchor footing of a vehicle tie down rail and [[a]] said second ~~coupling section connector~~ is inserted into the inner diameter of a straight, thin long pipe member at the end section of the vehicle tie down rail.

2(currently amended). ~~As mentioned~~ A vehicle tie down rail conjoinment structure as defined in Claim 1 ~~of the vehicle tie down rail conjoinment structure of the invention herein,~~ the wherein said first connector has an annular flange around its outer diameter that partitions it into a first coupling section and ~~the said~~ a second coupling section, wherein [[the]] said first coupling section has a first outer diameter and [[the]] said second coupling section has a second outer diameter.

3(currently amended). ~~As mentioned~~ A vehicle tie down rail conjoinment structure as defined in Claim 2 ~~of the vehicle tie down rail conjoinment structure of the invention herein,~~ the said wherein said first connector further has a mounting surface

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[[is]] situated at the end surface of [[the]] said first coupling section, and [[the]] said oblique slip thrust surface is situated on [[the]] said second coupling section.

4(canceled).

5(currently amended). ~~As mentioned~~ A vehicle tie down rail conjunction
structure as defined in Claim 3 ~~1 of the vehicle tie down rail conjunction structure of the~~
~~invention herein, wherein said second connector has a mounting surface.~~ [[the]] said
first connector has a hole in its [[said]] mounting surface and [[the]] said second
connector has a threaded hole in its [[said]] mounting surface which thereby enables the
conjunction of [[the]] said two connectors into a single structural entity.